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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Guntur District – Allegations of irregularities on occurrence of breach of summer storage tank bund in the work – "Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District." – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri G.Veera Pratap, Chief Engineer(Rtd), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department and others – WSDs submitted – Inquiry conducted – Charges not held proved – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.131

Dated: 12/02/2024
Read the following:-

1. From the CE, Lr. No. AE-2/DEE/VQC/NRDWP/CPWSS NUZENDLA/17-18, Dt.30.05.2018.
2. From the ENC, RWS&S, Vijayawada, Lr No.Vig(3)/RWS&S/41201/ 2018, dt:31.10.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.302, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:25.03.2019.
4. G.O.Ms.No.99-100, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:25.03.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.308, 310,311 ,PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt:25.03.2019.
6. WSD, dt:27.04.2019 & 25.06.2020 of G.Veera Pratap, CE(Rtd), RWS&S Dept.
7. WSD, dt:16.12.2020 of Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then CE, RWS&S, Vijayawada, now retired
8. WSD, dt:09.05.2019 of Sri R.S.R. Suresh, EE, RWS, Narsaraopet.
9. G.O.Rt.No.820-821, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dated:14.09.2022.
10. From Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries & Inquiring Authority, D.O. Letter No.62/COI-RPT/2022, dated:10.05.2023.
11. Govt.Memo.No.41021/VIG-VI/2018, Dated:03/06/2023.
12. Explanation from Sri G.Veera Pratap, CE(Rtd), RWS&S Dept and Two(02) other Charged Officers received through the ENC, RWS&S Letter No.Vig. (3)/RWS&S/41021/2018, dt:10.07.2023.

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ORDER:-

As per Government instructions, Sri S.Kanthanath, Chief Engineer-II, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation was kept as enquiry officer for conducting enquiry and submitted detailed report vide ref 1st read above on occurrence of breach of summer storage tank bund in the work "Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District". The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, has forwarded the above enquiry report vide 2nd read above to Government and requested the Government to take stringent action against default officers mentioned in the report as per CCA Rules.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, common disciplinary proceedings were initiated against (1) Sri G.Veera Pratap, the then Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada, now retired (2) Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply &

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Sanitation Department, Vijayawada, now retired (3) Sri R.S.R.Suresh, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narasaraopet, Guntur District. And others on the allegations of irregularities in execution of the work " Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District".

3. Articles of Charge were framed under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(CCA) rules, 1991 against (1) Sri G.Veera Pratap, the then Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada, now retired (2) Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada, now retired (3) Sri R.S.R.Suresh, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narasaraopet, Guntur District by according sanction under Rule 9 of APRPR, 1980 against retired officers in the references 4th & 5th read above. All the three charged officers, have submitted their written statements of defence in the references 6th – 8th read above.

4. Since, the WSD were not convincing, after examining the matter, the case was entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries by appointing Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries as Inquiry Authority, and M.Vara Prasad, Advocate as Presenting Officer respectively under Rule 20 (2) & (5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry against the above said Charged Officers, vide reference 9th read above.

5. Sri R.P.Thkur, IPS(Retd.), Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, General Administration Department, has submitted his inquiry report vide reference 10th read above. In his findings, Inquiry Officer has held that the charges framed against the above said three charged officers, are not held proved.

6. In the reference 11th read above, a copy of Inquiry Report was communicated to all the three Charged Officers for submitting their representations on the inquiry report.

7. In the reference 12th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has submitted the representations of all the three charged officers on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, wherein they have requested to drop further action against them as the charges were not held proved in the inquiry.

8. Government, after careful examination of the findings of the Inquiring Authority and representations submitted by the individuals, hereby drop further action against the Charged Officers i.e., 1) Sri G.Veera Pratap, the then Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada, now retired (2) Sri K.Ravi Babu, the then Chief Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada, now retired (3) Sri R.S.R.Suresh, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Narasaraopet, Guntur District in respect of allegations of irregularities in execution of the work " Construction of S.S.Tank to provide sustainability to CPWS Scheme to Nuzendla and other habitations in Nuzendla Mandal in Guntur District".

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9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Individuals concerned through Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, A.P., Vijayawada (with a request to serve the copy to the individuals)

Copy to:
The Secretary, APVC, Velagapudi, A.P. Secretariat.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Chief Engineer-II, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department.
The Superintending Engineer, Guntur District
The PR&RD(Est.II) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER